Question No. 4063 dated December 19, 1996 regarding 'First Class Managership Examination' and state the details of recommendations/amendment implemented by the Government so far in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI. M. ARUNACHALAM) : The Committee recommended continuance of the existing arrangements in the matter of (a) retention of the second class and the first class Mine Manager's certificates of competency, (b) passing of examinations in parts, and (c) continuance of the present system of 'Foremen' and Mining Mate Certificate in non-coal mines. These recommendations of the Committee continue to be implemented. The Committee recommended that there should be atleast two examiners in the oral test. This recommendation of the Committee has already been accepted and given effect to.

2. The recommendations of the Committee on the following aspects, which have been accepted by the Government for implementation, require amendment in the Coal Mines Regulations 1957, Metalliferous Mines Regulations, 1961 and the bye-laws made thereunder :

(a) Minimum academic qualification for second class Mine Manager certificate.

(b) Passing criteria for written and oral examination in case of manager's certificate.

(c) Qualification and experience for Surveyer's certificate.

(d) Endorsement/renewal of certificates for medical fitness.

(e) Abolition of lamp check certificate.

Necessary action to amend the regulations and the bye-laws is under way.

3. The following recommendations of the Committee were accepted,with modification for implementation by the Board of Mining Examinations, a body constituted under the provisions of the Act, 1952 :

(a) Minimum eligibility criteria for second class Mine Manager certificate.

(b) Conduct of only one mining supervisory certificate instead of two certificates i.e. Mining Sardar and overman Certificate in coal mines.

(c) Certificate of competency for mechanical/electrical engineers.

(d) Prescribing of upper age limit for competency certificate.

(e) Procedure of obtaining gas testing certificate

(f) Service experience for first class Mine Manager's certificate. The Board of Mining Examinations holds a different view in respect of these recommendations. These are being examined.

N.H.P.C.

5118. SHRI RAJENDRA AGNIHOTRI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the National Hydel Power Corporation is providing loan facilities to some States ;

(b) if so, the main purposes thereof;

(c) the details of loans outstanding against these beneficiary States as on March 1997; and

(d) the steps taken by the National Hydel Power Corporation for the recovery of such loans ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Does not arise.

[English]

N.T.P.C.

5119. SHRI N. RAMAKRISHNA REDDY : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the National Thermal Power Corporation seeks autonomy to take its own decisions in making investment and mobilisation of funds;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to make NTPC a global giant with bright future ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. In pursuance of the Common Minimum Programme, Government have identified nine Public Sector Undertakings having comparative advantage to become 'global giants'. National Thermal Power Corporation is one of the nine Public Sector Undertakings. The process to make these undertakings become 'global giants' is a continuous one and measures for it are in the process of being formulated.

[Translation]

Finance Corporation

5120. SHRI ILIYAS AZMI : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have not given adequate financial assistance to the Finance Corporation set up for the Development of minorities;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the amount sanctioned and disbursed annually during each of the last two years; and

(d) the measures being taken by the Government for disbursement of the total sanctioned amount for the development of minorities ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR) : (a) and (b) A National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation was set up on September 30, 1994 with an authorised capital of Rs. 500 crore. This was to be contributed to the extent of 25% (Rs. 125 crore) by the Central Government and the balance 75% (Rs. 375 crore) by the State Governments.

(c) and (d) The entire share of the Central Government has already been provided to the Corporation as follows :-

(Rs. Crore)

1994-95		50
1995-96		39
1996-97		36
	Total	125

[English]

T and D Losses

5121. PROF. AJIT KUMAR MEHTA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether power equipments worth crores of rupees have been damaged due to wide fluctuations in the frequency of power transmission in the grid especially in the Eastern and Western sectors;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have made any inquiry into the mismanagement in the grid operations;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) and (b) As per the information available no damage of equipments due to wide frequency fluctuations in the Western Region has been reported.

As per the information available, certain equipments have been damaged due to high frequency operation of the Eastern Regional Power Grid. The details of damages are given below :

State/ System	Station	Unit	Capacity (MW)	Damage
1	2	3	4	5
DVC	Bokaro 'B'	2	210	Turbine blade failure
WBPDCL	Kolaghat	5	210	Turbine blade failure
WBPDCL	Kolaghat	3	210	Cracks in Brazing of lacing wires.
BSEB	Patratu	1&3	50	Turbine blade failure
		9	110	
CESC	South Gen. Stations	1	67.5	Turbine blade failure
DVC	Durgapur	4	210	Regulatory stage liner damage.

GRIDCO has also reported turbine failure in power stations of National Aluminium Ltd. (NALCO) & Indian Charge Chrome Ltd. (ICCL).

(c) and (d) Central Electricity Authority has set up an Enquiry Committee to look into various aspects of the problem and suggest remedial measures for avoiding recurrence of the problem. The Enquiry Committee has not yet submitted the report.

(e) High frequency operation of the Eastern Regional grid is mainnly due to a very low off-peack demand resulting in high peak/off-peak demand ratio. In order to export the off-peak surplus power from Eastern Region to the neighbouring regions, transfer of power from Eastern Region to North Eastern Region (Assam – 100 MW), Southern Region (Andhra Pradesh – 150 MW) has been arranged. Further for transfer of power from Eastern Region to Western Region (Madhya Pradesh – 150 MW) and to Northern Region (100 – 150 MW) action is in process. The Inter-Regional high voltage HVDC link between Eastern Region and Southern Region is under construction and will be ready by February, 1999. This will enable transfer of 500 MW additional power from Eastern Region to Southern Region. To augment the transfer of surplus power from Eastern Region to North Eastern Region, Powergrid is executing 400 KV double circuit line between Bongaigaon (NER) and Malda (ER). Construction of this line is expected to be completed in a year. This will enable exchange of 700 – 800 MW power between Eastern Region and North Eastern Region.

Member (Grid Operation), Central Electricity Authority has also written to all the Chairman of the constituent utilities in the Eastern Region to ensure proper load management for maintaining the frequency within permissible limits.

Haj Goodwill Team

5122. SHRI DARBARA SINGH :
COL. RAO RAM SINGH :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether a good number of Haj returnees have levelled allegations on "goodwill team" sent to Mina for not caring for the victims and instead demanding cars, escorts and special food for themselves;

(b) if so, whether any high level enquiry into the said affairs has been conducted by the Government;

(c) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons thereon ?